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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**NAKAMURA et al.**

**Application Number: 10/090,767**

**Filed: March 6, 2002**

**For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK  
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING  
METHOD OF THE UNIT**

**Attorney Docket No. HITA. 0181**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on November 27, 2005, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: